



Grand Ridge Grade School

NEWSLETTER

Week of Nov. 29 - Dec. 5 2020

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A Few Words from the Superintendent . . .

"Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear---not absence of fear."

--Mark Twain

We are currently seeing a major spike in the numbers of COVID-19 cases throughout LaSalle County and also throughout the country. As numbers rise many of us are wondering exactly what to do and how to do it. We are working very hard to keep our children in school for at least a portion of the day even while the numbers around us have been going up. Here is what we are doing:

Administration is in constant contact with the IDPH and we watch the numbers carefully on both the IDPH site and the Northwestern University site. We are also paying close attention to the numbers in our own district.

If numbers continue to escalate there may be a point where we have to do an Adaptive Pause. This is a way of taking a few days to go full remote learning in order to allow the numbers of COVID-19 cases in the area to decline. Many districts around us have already had to move in that direction. We will notify families early in the event we have to take that step.

Our staff has done a remarkable job of maintaining health for both themselves and for their students. Custodians are working hard to clean and disinfect every evening and quickly after meetings or other events occur.

The Board is in constant communication with the Superintendent and provides advice as needed.

We continue to push out updated information as it becomes available through our various communication channels.

PTO, Boosters, and our parents are following guidelines to the best of their ability. Parents are calling in if students show symptoms. They are also making sure to keep siblings home if someone in the family develops the symptoms of COVID.

Without everyone doing their very best during this tough time we would not be able to continue to have in-person school with students. You are all doing a great job! From our littlest students wearing their masks faithfully each day, to our community members who follow the strict guidance when dealing with the COVID epidemic, everyone is important in protecting the education we can offer kids right now.

Thank you to all of you. This is the season of thankfulness and blessing, and we know that we are blessed in this community to work with such great people. Each day we go through this pandemic is another day closer to being out of it. Keep the eyes up. Continue to look forward. Know that what seems dark today will soon pass and we will all be able to look back on this time with pride over the courage we had to show while dealing with so many different issues.

Have a Great Week!!!!

Calendar of Events

Mon. Nov. 30 - 11:50 Dismissal

Tues. Dec. 1 - 11:50 Dismissal

Wed. Dec. 2 - 11:50 Dismissal
PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Thur. Nov. 3 - 11:50 Dismissal

Fri. Nov. 4 - 11:50 Dismissal

Special Birthdays

Nov. 29	Nov. 30	Dec. 1 Madelyn Perkins	Dec. 2	Dec. 3	Dec. 4 Arya Shah	Dec. 5

LUNCH REMINDER

Even though you will be pre-ordering free lunches each week, that menu will be subject to change. Therefore we ask you to simply sign up if you want lunches to be provided for the week.

Thanks!



The IESA provides the leadership and framework to ensure safe, equitable opportunities for students who are enriched through participation in education-based interscholastic activities.

IESA UPDATED PLAN FOR 2020-21

November 10, 2020

The purpose of this plan is to provide schools, administrators, coaches, parents, and officials with a general framework for their sports and activity program. It must be understood by all that this is a fluid plan and that at any time, the circumstances, guidelines, dates, opportunities, etc. listed below may change any part of this plan. Specifically, if the Governor places all schools on remote learning, all IESA sports will be suspended or cancelled.

GENERAL FORMAT

- **Basketball and Volleyball:** Teams will be limited to a maximum of 15 games for the season.
- Schools are to follow all guidelines listed in the [All Sports Policy](#).
- If an Illinois COVID Region or County is placed in Phase 3 or lower of the Governors Restore Illinois Plan, all sports for schools in that Region or County will be suspended or cancelled.
- Spectator and group gatherings subject to IDPH guidelines during this time.
- Regular season play should be limited to within conference, other schools in the same general geographical area, (approximately a 30-mile radius), or EMS region only.
- E-learning students would be eligible provided the local district allows their participation.
- Current IHSA Phase 4 Return to Play guideline in place for all sports.

Winter (Jan. – March)

Boys Basketball- Practice may begin: January 4; Games may begin: January 16; 7th Regional Tournament: Feb. 20, 22-26; 8th Regional Tournament: Feb. 27, March 1-5.

Girls Volleyball- Practice may begin: January 11; Games may begin: January 23; 7th Regional Tournament: March 6, 8-10; 8th Regional Tournament: March 12, 13, 15, 16

Spring (Feb. – May)

Girls Basketball- Practice may begin: March 8; Games may begin: March 20; 7th Regional Tournament: April 24, 26-30; 8th Regional Tournament: May 1, 3-7.

Boys & Girls Bowling-- State Tournament Series tentatively remain as scheduled

****Wrestling-** Practice may begin: April 5; Matches may begin: April 12; Regional Tournament: May 29

Boys & Girls Track & Field- Practice may begin: March 1; Meets may begin: March 15; Sectional Meet 1A/2A: May 7-8; State Date: May 14-15; Sectional Meet 3A/4A: May 14-15; State Date: May 21-22

Activities

Speech—Each School Conducts its own contest any date from September-May

****Chess—**The State Tournament has been cancelled for the 2021 season.

Scholastic Bowl-- State Tournament Series tentatively remains as scheduled

Music-TBD

****Competitive Cheerleading---** The competition has been postponed and may be rescheduled at a later date.

**Note schedule/date changes